

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 2 and 6 are currently amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, for example, on page 26 and in Example 1.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Because the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-11 will remain pending in the application.

II. Response to Issues Raised by Examiner in Outstanding Office Action

The Restriction Requirement and Applicant's Election

The Examiner required restriction, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121, 372, between the following two Groups as these inventions or groups of inventions allegedly are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group I: Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-11, drawn to a compound of formula (I), a method of producing, and method of using the same, and

Group II: Claims 2 and 6, drawn to a different compound and method of using the same.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, Group I, claims 1, 3-5 and 7-11.

Applicants note that amended claims 2 and 6 are now directed to methods and compositions for producing a compound of formula (I) and request examination of claims 2 and 6 along with the claims of Group I.

CONCLUSION

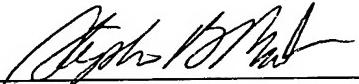
The present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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